

MARS Council Meeting Summary

<i>General Information</i>	
<i>Date/Time:</i>	Thursday, April 17, 2008 2pm – 4:30pm
<i>Location:</i>	SSMC-3, Room 13836

Attendees:

NMFS – Maureen Pulver, Tonya Coleman, Mark Blades

NMFS OCIO – Nancy Majower, Ajith Abraham, Marina Rubina, Rahul Dayal, Sonny Tallapragada

NWS – Mary Rieck, John Lord, Penny Schmiedeberg, Derek Hill

OAR – Dinara Holmes, Cindy Loitsch, Sylvia Scott, Michelle Chawlk-Howard

NOS – Carmen Solis, Renee Galloway

NESDIS – Jim Lewis

Program Support – Peter Boyle

NMAO – Gerald Thomas

1. Consistency of MARS Terminology (Data Entry vs. BOBJ)

BOBJ Report 118 column says ‘Commitments’ (per initial requirement) and displays the information from the MARS Pipeline column. BOBJ Commitment Detail

Universe has a Commitment field which is a total original commitment amount. It’s confusing for the reports users. MARS Data Entry Status of Funds Reports show outstanding commitment amounts under the ‘Pipeline’ header.

It was decided to change the name of the Report Column to ‘Remaining Commitment’ in both systems.

MARS Data Entry and BOBJ groups need to discuss the change implementation strategy.

2. Help Desk Issues

- Per Carmen Solis, password reset procedures need to be checked. Per Nancy Majower, password reset should be completed within 4 hours same day unless reported after 5 pm.
- Nancy Majower will check the possibility of LO Administrators getting access to the C-Support system to monitor their requests.
- A technical discussion of the Help Desk changes and procedures will take place at the O&M MARS meeting next week.
- Help desk will check their screens to make sure that correct Line Office values are available to generate the tickets (instead of NMFS/Non HQ).

3. User Access Forms

- Line Offices need to submit new User Access Forms to the Help Desk if there are changes in access to restricted labor data.
- There is a need for storing User Forms in a single database (it needs to be determined if CBS allows electronic signatures).

4. CCR system new entries:

MARS Data Entry CCRs

CCR#	Description	Discussion	Status
41	BOP Upload	Waiting for NWS to do a final testing (after batch numbering has been changed).	In Progress
42	Auto-Ob Changes	Completed	Closed
43	Premium Pay	Most of the LOs are not interested in using NWS flags for shift employees. NMAO needs to decide if they are interested (Gerald Thomas is going to contact MOC). If not, this CCR can be closed.	On hold waiting for OMAO input
45	PO Feeder system field	Available in BOBJ.	Closed
46	Report 75a Changes	Completed	Closed
47	Overhead application for 11-4 – 1199 object classes	In final user acceptance testing.	In Pre-Prod
48	NFC Pack changes for e-mail accounts	Completed in Production	Closed
49	AA Download Procedure Duplication	Completed	Closed
50	Default NFC project/task	Most LO agree on using new column (do not use default when Dist_Sub_Level is null). OAR (Dinara Holmes) was going to look into her LO data and respond.	Go ahead with new column
51	Surcharges on Org 3 level	LO 06 changed surcharges to be the same across FMC. LO 01 still using org3 level for one of its FMCs (01-00). Developers will send this info to Peter Boyle to make a decision. If not needed, CCR can be closed.	
54	Download/table locks/open sessions	High Priority. Affects both systems. Options need to be researched.	In Progress

82	Cross LO reporting	-Report 27 (Add Commitments Column, add an Option of running this report from the monthly snapshot). Approved.	
121	50-35 change of AA procedure (send allotments without project code to the Reserve table).	Not retroactive – for new records only.	In Progress
161	New Functionality for projecting premium pay by employee/PP/object class on the projection form.	Tonya Coleman will gather LO responses.	
162	Research a need to apply overhead based on the project code (50-22 has it for one of the reimbursable projects)	One time only requirement with work-around.	Close
New			
201	Increase the size of Description (Reason) field in the AA table from 200 to 1000	Development team to look into this.	
202	Sponsor code list of values on the OPT form.		
203	After RADG screens become available in CBS: default expiration date based on the type of project-task.	Sylvia Scott will create a CCR for the Reporting side to extract this data.	On hold until data is available in NDW
204	Report 135 – display full description.	Fix.	
205	CCR system issues.	Sonny to look into.	

Reporting & Queryng CCRs

CCR#	Description	Discussion	Comments
#58	Variance Report	Connectivity issues in production.	
# 70	WFMO Reports (recreate of HRDS system reports)	Moved to production for WFMO testing (not open for users yet).	